



## Cultural Arts & Community Events

### April 2011 Calendar Of Events

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#### PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

##### **Ethnic Express International Folk Dancing** (ages 8+)

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Admission: \$4 dollars per person per week; pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Have an evening of international fun learning Armenian, Bulgarian, Israeli, Arabic, Macedonian, Russian, Greek, Turkish, Chinese and Serbian folk dances. No need to bring a partner. For more information, call (702) 229-6383.

##### **Scottish Country Dancing** (ages 13+)

Fridays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Admission: \$5 general admission; \$4 for members of Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Scottish country dancing is the beautiful ballroom dance of Scotland and may be lively and joyful or gentle and graceful. From the first chord to the final bow or curtsy, participants will be inspired by the driving reels, jaunty jigs, snappy strathspeys or lilting airs. Dancers should wear comfortable clothes and soft shoes. For more information, call (702) 229-6383.

##### **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Presents "Metamorphoses"** (ages 9+)

April 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 at 7 p.m. and April 3, 9 and 10 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$3 children 12 years and younger; \$5 ages 13-17 and seniors 62 and older; \$7 adults.

Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North.

The Rainbow Company Youth Theatre will perform Mary Zimmerman's highly acclaimed "Metamorphoses" April 1-10. Fourth graders through adults will be mesmerized by this student-designed contemporary re-telling of well-known Greek myths. For tickets or more information, call 229-6553 or 229-6383, or go online to [artslasvegas.org](http://artslasvegas.org).

##### **Swingin' & Stringin' Tony Scodwell's Big Band Concert** (adults)

Saturday, April 2, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 advance or \$12 performance day, available by phone or online at [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org).

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Trumpet master Tony Scodwell has played for world-class entertainers and major big band orchestras, including Harry James, Buddy Rich and the Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey orchestras. Scodwell began his career with the Stan Kenton Orchestra and has toured with Doc Severinsen and the Symphonic Pops. For more information, call 229-6383.

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**Contra Dancing** (all ages)

*Cosponsored by the Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers*

Saturdays, April 2 and 16; group lessons 6:30 p.m., dancing 7 to 10 p.m.

Fee: \$7 adults; \$5 members, students and military; \$3 children under 16 and non-dancing adults. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Dance to the live music of an acoustic band playing joyful fiddle tunes, driving reels, and a waltz or two.

All dances are taught and called; newcomers and families are welcomed. No need to bring a partner.

Wear comfortable flat-soled shoes and casual clothing. For more information, call 229-6383.

**Young Women's Conference 2011** (ages 17-25)

*"The Sacred Woman ... As I Value Myself, I Become Invaluable to the World"*

Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free admission. Advance registration required.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

The West Las Vegas Arts Center has proclaimed April to be Youth Month. Queen Afua will be the keynote speaker. Women of all ages, seasoned and accomplished, are invited to participate and support the Young Women's Conference 2011. This event's mission is to guide, mentor, and enlighten young women ages 17-25 years old as they cultivate their unique purpose, using wisdom, courage, and self-determination, to better themselves, to positively impact the community, and to uplift the world. Each participant is encouraged to bring a mentor, mom, aunt, or sister/friend to the event. Cosponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, West Las Vegas Library Theatre.

**Las Vegas Helldorado Days** (all ages)

April 9-May 15

Events include:

- Helldorado Trail Ride at Bonnie Springs Ranch April 9;
- Art Show & Auction April 25-May 1 at Las Vegas Elks Lodge;
- Sahara Coins Helldorado Treasure Hunt April 30-May 13;
- Helldorado Shootout Charity Golf Tournament & Banquet at Siena Golf Course May 6-7;
- Ranch Sorting at the Downtown Rodeo Grounds 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 11-12;
- Helldorado Rodeo at the Downtown Rodeo Grounds 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12;
- Helldorado Carnival, Exhibits and food vendors at the Downtown Rodeo Grounds May 12-15;
- Whiskerino Contest at the Downtown Rodeo Grounds 6 p.m. Friday, May 13;
- PRCA Pro Rodeo at the Downtown Rodeo Grounds May 13-15;
- Helldorado Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament at the Golden Nugget 9 a.m. Saturday, May 14;
- Helldorado Parade 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14, downtown on Fourth Street parade route;
- Fireworks downtown following parade.

Go online to [www.elkshelldorado.com](http://www.elkshelldorado.com) or call (702) 870-1221 for more events, details, costs and entry information. There is no fee to enter the parade; 120 entries will be accepted. For parade details and application, go online to [www.lasvegasnevada.gov/helldorado](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/helldorado) or call (702) 229-6672.

**Downtown Cultural Series Gabriel Ayala Concert** (all ages)

Friday, April 15, noon to 1 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Lloyd D. George U. S. Federal Courthouse Jury Assembly Room, 333 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

Gabriel Ayala performs regularly throughout the United States and is at the forefront of a new generation of Native Americans performing classical music. For more information, call (702) 229-3515 or go online to [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org).

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**The Poets' Corner** (adults)

Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

Keith Brantley hosts a forum for established poets and open-microphone participants. For mature audiences.

**Easter Cultural Festival** (all ages)

Saturday, April 16, noon to 3 p.m.

Free admission.

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave., (702) 229-1515.

Enjoy children's activities, live entertainment, information booths, food vendors and an Easter egg contest. Bring a decorated egg to enter the Easter egg contest.

**Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Spring Break Drama Workshop** (ages 8-12)

Monday-Friday, April 18-22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$135 per student

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 229-6383.

Youth enjoy five full days of drama with a final staged presentation on the Charleston Heights Arts Center stage. For more information or to register, call 229-6553 or 229-6383, or go online to [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org).

**Young Men's Conference 2011** (ages 10-25)

*"Exercising Our Voices..."*

Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free admission. Advance registration is a must.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

The West Las Vegas Arts Center has proclaimed April to be Youth Month. Young men ages 10-17 and 18-25 will be trained by community leaders, including keynote speaker Judge Gregory Mathis of Detroit. Cosponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, West Las Vegas Library Theatre. Please contact the West Las Vegas Arts Center at 229-4800 for information.

**Exhibitions****"Cubism Juxtaposed" by Dayo Adelaja**

Through April 30, 2011; Wednesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free and open to the public. Gallery is closed Sunday-Tuesday.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

Originally from Nigeria, this artist is well known in Southern Nevada. His murals and sculptures decorate public spaces in West Las Vegas. His floats have won awards in Summerlin and Las Vegas parades. His oil paintings often are seen hanging in local galleries and shows. Adelaja has conducted numerous art education workshops and art seminars in schools, community art centers and galleries. Currently he works as an art specialist for the Clark County School District. Adelaja has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design from West Virginia University and a Master of Arts in graphic design from California State University. For more information on the artist, visit [www.adelajaart.com](http://www.adelajaart.com).

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**“Year of the Rabbit”** (all ages)

Through April 15, 2011; Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed holidays.

Free admission.

Bridge Gallery, City Hall, 400 Stewart Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

This exhibit brings artists from a variety of cultural backgrounds to explore Chinese New Year and the Year of the Rabbit. Exhibiting artists include Dawn Anderson, Patricia Birkhloz, Daryl DePry, Justin Favela, Kim Johnson, Merrilee Hortt, Bobbie Ann Howell, Brandon Lin, Krystal Ramirez, Melissa Russell, Cindy Sullivan and Mary Warner. Visitors may reach the gallery through the second floor of the Las Vegas City Hall parking garage on the southeast corner of Stewart Avenue and Fourth Street. Parking is by paid meter only. For more information, call (702) 229-1012 or go online to [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org).

**“Poem Cycle”** by Dan Scott (all ages)

Through May 14, 2011; Wednesday through Friday, 12:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Free admission. Gallery is closed Sunday-Tuesday.

Charleston Heights Art Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Dan Scott is an artist and art professor at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho. New work by the artist explores the traditional still-life genre. He believes that still life can tell us a story of the life we have or wished we had. Through the painted objects, he takes the familiar and breaks it out of any association with the mundane. The work holds the viewer's attention through a complex dialog that is given meaning by the artist's pictorial arrangement of objects, title and juxtaposition. Call (702) 229-1012 or go online to [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org) for more information on gallery exhibits.

**“Rhythm Repetition Movement”** (all ages)

March 17-May 22, 2011, by appointment.

The public is invited to a free artists' reception March 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Historic Fifth Street School Gallery, 401 S. Fourth St.

The artists in this exhibit include Dayo Adelaja, Greg Allred, Randa Bishop, Harold Bradford, Susanne Forestieri, Stewart Freshwater, Adolfo Gonzalez and Helen Murphy.

The artwork celebrates the spirit of dance and music. There are images that highlight specific musicians involved in blues/jazz and other works show the fluid lines and movement involved in dance. Call (702)-229-1012 for more information or go to [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org).

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